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FROM: DR. WILDE RMO BEIRUT CONCERNING RABIES INCIDENT SAANA

1. RABIES IS ENDEMIC IN NEAR EAST AND HUMAN CASES ARE UNFORTUNATELY NOT UNCOMMON. PRESENT CASE IN YEMMEN UNDERLINES IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION OF ALL PETS, AVOIDANCE OF UNNECESSARY CONTACT WITH STRAY ANIMALS AND PRE-EXPOSURE VACCINATION OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL LIKELY TO COME IN CONTACT WITH STRAY ANIMALS.

2. PERSONS BITTEN BY ANIMALS SHOULD RECEIVE FULL COURSE OF IMMUNIZATION UNDER REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED BY W.H.O. WITH DUCK EMBRYO RABIES VACCINE AND HYPERIMMUNE SERUM WHICH ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH MILITARY OR U.H.P.S DEPOTS.

3. ENOUGH DUCK EMBRYO VACCINE (ABOUT 100 DOSES AND HYPERIMMUNE SERUM (ABOUT 20,000 UNITS) TO START TREATMENT OF 10 INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE KEPT AT EACH POST IF LOCAL FACILITIES ARE NOT STOCKING IT. THIS VACCINE IS DATED AND MUST BE REGULARLY REPLACED.

4. FOR SAANA: PLEASE ADVISE DR. WILDE OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND NEEDS. SUGGEST JIDDA NURSE OR POST MEDICAL ADVISORS PROVIDE PRE-EXPOSURE VACCINATION FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL AT SAANA WHO SHOULD OR WISH TO RECEIVE IT (SEE PARAGRAPH 1). AN ACCEPTABLE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WOULD BE 1CC OF DUCK EMBRYO VACCINE REPEATED IN 2 WEEKS, 1 MONTH THEN ANNUALLY.

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